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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER BLANCO UPSET OVER FACIO'S REMARKS

1. WHEN AMBASSADOR TOOK DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOWDLER AND COUNTRY DIRECTOR ORTIZ TO CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER BLANCO YESTERDAY MORNING, THE LATTER DISPLAYED CONSIDERABLE ANNOYANCE OVER YESTERDAY'S PRESS REPORT OF REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO WHICH WERE CRITICAL OF COUNTRIES OPPOSED TO THE LIFTING OF SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA. BLANCO, VISIBLY UPSET, SAID THIS COULD ONLY CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR URUGUAY AND FOR HIM AND THAT IT COULD AFFECT URUGUAY'S GENERAL POSTURE. THE WORD "COULD" WAS USED TO ALTER HIS ORIGINAL STATEMENT WHICH EMPLOYED "WOULD". HE THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT IN ORDER NOT TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE HE WOULD SAY IF ASKED BY PRESS FOR REACTION ONLY THAT HE COULD NOT BELIEVE THAT FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO WOULD HAVE SAID ANY SUCH THING.

2. BLANCO THEN WENT ON TO REVIEW THE CONSISTENCY AND "SERENITY" OF URUGUAY'S POLICY ON THIS ISSUE SINCE THE BEGINNING. AS HE HAS SAID BEFORE, URUGUAY WAS MOTIVATED BY THE DESIRE TO DEAL WITH A SENSITIVE AND POTENTIALLY DEISIVE MATTER IN THE CALMEST WAY POSSIBLE SO AS TO DISPOSE OF IT AND PREVENT ITS BECOMING AN ISSUE WHICH

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COULD INTERFERE WITH THE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW DIALOGUE.

HE REPEATED AGAIN THAT URUGUAY HAD NEVER ATTEMPTED TO LOBBY OR  
TO POLITIC WITH RESPECT TO ITS POSITION BUT ONLY TO STATE WHERE URUGUAY

STOOD AND TO BE CONSISTENT WITH URUGUAYAN INTERESTS AND GENERAL  
POLICY. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE DIFFICULTY WHICH THE  
UNITED STATES WILL FACE AT THE QUITO MEETING AND REFRAINED FROM  
ENQUIRING AS TO WHICH OF ITS OPTIONS THE UNITED STATES WILL EXERCISE.  
WHEN ASKED HOW HE SAW THE OUTCOME HE SAID THAT IN THE BEGINNING  
HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THERE WOULD BE THE NECESSARY 2/3 MAJORITY FOR  
LIFTING SANCTIONS BUT AT THE PRESENT TIME HE WAS NOT AT ALL SURE THAT  
THIS WOULD BE THE OUTCOME. THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE FROM  
ANYTHING BLANCO SAID THAT URUGUAY'S ACTION IN QUITO WILL BE ANY  
DIFFERENT FROM THE POSITION WHICH IT HAS REPEATEDLY STATED ALL ALONG;  
I.E. TO VOTE AGAINST THE LIFTING OF SANCTIONS, AND NOT TO RENEW  
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IN THE EVENT SANCTIONS ARE LIFTED.  
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